



WEEKLY BULLETIN

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ORTHODOX CHURCH
Sunday November 18, 2018

The Martyr Glalacteon

Epistle: **Ephesians 4:1-7** Gospel: **Luke 8:41-56**

Weekly Schedule of Services/Events

Sunday, November 18

9:00AM Divine Liturgy

Epistle: Jennifer Morrison

+ Wojnagi Family

Thanksgiving Food Bank

Tuesday, November 20

12:00PM St. John's Seniors

7:00PM Synaxis St. Michael Vespers

Wednesday, November 21

9:00AM Synaxis St Michael Divine Liturgy

Thursday, November 22

Happy Thanksgiving to all! - "And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." *Colossians 3:15-17*

Sunday, November 25

9:00AM Divine Liturgy

Epistle: Gregory Morrison

Church School - Coffee: Manning Family

+ Phyllis Piendle & Stephen Osipow by family

Service Schedule

Divine Liturgy 9am

Weekday Eve Service 7pm

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Weekly Announcements

CHRISTMAS FAIR: Many thanks to everyone that made the Christmas Fair a success, especially our chairs, Eleanor Adzima and Judy Falcon. God bless you all for the work you do for the Church

NO CHURCH SCHOOL TODAY: There will be no Church School today. Church school will resume next Sunday.

ST. MICHAEL FEAST DAY: We will celebrate Vespers for the Feast of St. Michael and St. Gabriel on Tuesday evening at 7pm. Divine Liturgy will be Wednesday at 9am

HAPPY THANKSGIVING: On behalf of myself, Pani Andrea, Jacob and Sara, I would like to wish everyone a happy thanksgiving!

WEeping ICON FROM TAYLOR: The Weeping Icon of the Mother of God from our parish in Taylor, PA will be at our parish on December 7. Please mark your calendars now so that you may be there for this service.

Scripture Readings for Sunday

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 4:1-7

Brethren, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Gospel Reading

Luke 8:41-56

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As he went, the people pressed round him. And a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years and had spent all her living upon physicians and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind him, and touched the fringe of his garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it

that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter and those who were with him said, "Master, the multitudes surround you and press upon you!" But Jesus said, "Some one touched me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While he was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when he came to the house, he permitted no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but he said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand he called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and he directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

Archangels Michael and Gabriel



All the Angels, according to the Apostle Paul, are ministering spirits, - sent forth to minister to them who shall be heirs of salvation - (Heb. 1:14). God set them as overseers of every nation and people, and guides to that which is profitable (Deut. 32:8); and while one Angel is appointed to oversee each nation as a whole, one is also appointed to protect each Christian individually. He commands them to guard them that hope on Him, that nothing should harm them, neither should any evil draw nigh to their dwelling (Ps. 90:10-12). In the Heavens they always behold the face of God, sending up to Him the thrice-holy hymn and interceding with Him in our behalf, seeing they rejoice over one sinner that repents (Esaias 6:2-3; Matt. 18:10; Luke 15:7). In a word, they have served God in so many ways for our benefit, that the pages of Holy Scripture are filled with the histories thereof. It is for these reasons that the Orthodox Catholic Church, wisely honouring these divine ministers, our protectors and guardians, celebrates today the present Synaxis that is, our coming together in assembly for their common feast to chant their praises, especially for the Archangels Michael and Gabriel, who are mentioned in the Scriptures by name. The name Michael means "Who is like God?" and Gabriel means "God is mighty." The number of Angels is not defined in the divine Scriptures,

where Daniel says that thousands of thousands ministered before Him, and ten thousands of ten thousands attended upon Him -(Dan. 7:10). But all of them are divided into nine orders which are called Thrones, Cherubim, Seraphim, Dominions, Powers, Authorities, Principalities, Archangels, and Angels.

On Stewardship: #108 Well Done



“Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.” (Matthew 25: 23 RSV)

The Parable of the Talents is one of the several parables relating to stewardship in the New Testament. Christ tells an inquiring scribe and his disciples in another parable that there are two great commandments, love the Lord God with all your heart and being and love your neighbor as yourself (Mark 12: 29-31). Christ goes on to say that there are no commandments greater than these two.

If you love somebody will you not take care of that person? Will you not be happy when they are happy, sad when they are sad? Will your heart not break when their heart breaks? Will you not DO everything possible to help that person you love? The key word here is DO, just as in the scripture verse above. Christ says, “well done” to the faithful servant. He did what was asked of him.

Notice that in the parable, Christ does not say, “Well said, well planned, well thought, or well-intended.” He says, “WELL DONE.” What will Christ say to you when you stand before Him? And we will all stand before His judgment.

Have you done what our Master has asked us to do? Have you given back a portion of what Christ has given you in time, talents and resource so that it might multiply and bear fruit? You, brothers and sisters, will have to stand before Christ and answer that question.

How DO you thank God for your blessings? The emphasis for us Christians is on doing.

This weekly series of brief thoughts on stewardship and Orthodox life is brought to you by your Diocesan Stewardship Commission.



WE DID IT AGAIN!

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL FAIR
THANKS TO ALL OF YOU....

- Who took part and gave so unselfishly of your time, effort and services.
- To our bakers and cooks who worked for hours and hours each day for weeks prior to the Fair and during the Fair.
- Who worked actively as well as behind the scenes.
- To those who helped to set up and clean up.
- Who contributed so generously with your donations of food, baked goods, specialty foods, materials, money and supplies.
- To the many, many people who came to the Fair.
- To the donors of gift cards, raffle prizes and lottery tree tickets.
- To our Christmas Fair Crafts Committee who put all the pieces together and worked throughout the entire year!
- To the creators of the beautiful theme trees.

God bless all of you for your efforts on behalf of our St. John's Church! - St. John's 2018 Christmas Fair Chairs: Eleanor Adzima and Judy Falcon



On Thanksgiving morning, this year's 94th annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade will feature Bunnell High School senior, Christopher Gulish, playing trumpet as a member of the Macy's Great American Marching Band. The 200-member strong marching band and color guard is a Macy's tradition and is made up of top high school musicians from all 50 states. "This is a huge honor to have been selected to play as part of a 50-state band and to represent Bunnell, Stratford, and Connecticut all at the same time!" All the Great American Marching Band members must learn their musical parts individually before the entire marching band comes together on Nov 17th to begin practice as a group for the first time before performing in the annual event on Nov 22nd. Their music selections this year will be honoring the late Aretha Franklin. The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is the largest annual parade in the world and last year drew a TV audience of over 24 million viewers along with over 3 million spectators lining the parade route in NYC.

Christopher has been a member of the Bunnell-Stratford Marching Band and Guard at Bunnell High School in Stratford since eighth grade and they recently won their third Connecticut state championship in a row. "Three consecutive Connecticut championships and Macy's too make for a great senior year!" Christopher plans on pursuing an engineering degree after graduating Bunnell in the spring.

The 94th Annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade will be broadcast on NBC on Thanksgiving morning, Nov. 22nd, beginning at 9am.

Christopher will also be front and center (literally) on the TODAY Show on NBC on Monday morning!

A SELECT group was picked from the Macy's Great American Marching Band to perform on TODAY to promote both the marching band and the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade.

Not sure what time, but tune in to catch him!

ST JOHNS'S ON TV!